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Rita, any thoughts on this? I hate these inquiries, I always feel so inadequate on responses.

I use the Cleanups in My Community link (with EPA Disclaimers!) and our FAQ's
<https://publicaccess.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/211393258-What-is-a-Phase-One-assessment-and-do-we-need-one->

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Comments:

Hello-

I'm conducting a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) for a site in Stonycreek Township, Somerset County, PA, on behalf of the PA Dept. of Transportation ("PennDOT"). They're planning to replace the concrete box culvert at this intersection (aka "Roxbury Crossroads") which carries State Route 31 over an Unnamed Tributary to Stonycreek River. The approximate address for the site is 9000 Glades Pike (Rt. 31), Berlin (Stonycreek Twp.), PA 15530. The site consists of the culvert (bridge) (located at the intersection with State Route 0160, aka Huckleberry Hwy.) and a small buffer area surrounding it.

We are looking to see if your agency has any files or other information pertaining to environmental concerns at our site area or any nearby properties. According to our client, the vicinity of the intersection (no info provided as to which corner) was the location of "a frame grease rack and a one-story frame service station with gas pumps/tanks that were razed when the current culvert was constructed" (in 1941). Our research (including testimony & photos from a local property owner & from a representative from the local Berlin Area Historical Society) has indicated that there were historic filling/gas stations located at 3 of the 4 corners (all but the west corner) of the intersection (circa 1930s). Also, a 1941 General Highway Map of Somerset Co. (PA Department of Highways/Federal Works Agency Public Roads Administration

https://www.dot7.state.pa.us/BPR_PDF_FILES/MAPS/Type_10_GHS_Historical_Scans/Somerset_1941_Sheet_1.pdf

) identified an historic filling station located at the northern corner of the intersection of SR 0031 and SR 0160. The present day county tax parcels that are likely in the immediate vicinity of this former site are:
S44-020-019-00, S44-020-019-01 and S44-020-025-02.

<http://www.co.somerset.pa.us/mapping/Stony20.pdf>

The other former (circa 1930s) gas/filling stations identified at the intersection were:

* at the east corner, "Roxbury Store" (proprietor: G. Lester "Les"

Engle), once an "Amoco" and later a "Gulf" gas station, (photographic evidence suggests that gas may have been sold at this site as late as 1984), currently addressed as 9018 Glades Pike, county tax parcel S44-020-025-00

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* and at the south corner, "Roxbury Auto Station" (affiliated with the above mentioned Roxbury Store), once an "Atlantic" gas station, currently vacant (parcel owner's adjacent address is 9033 Glades Pike), county tax parcel S08-038-011-00 <http://www.co.somerset.pa.us/mapping/Broth38.pdf>

If you have any information on file pertaining to environmental concerns at any of these properties (such as issues arising during any developments that may have occurred there since the gas stations were removed), or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me. We have no information as to when these facilities closed, whether any of their storage tanks were removed or closed in place, or if any releases of hazardous substances occurred. The PA DEP Southwest Region Storage Tanks Program had no information for this site, since storage tanks weren't regulated and tracked until 1989. Also, representatives from the (local) Berlin Vol. Fire Dept. and Somerset Co. Emergency Mgt. Agency had no pertinent information about these former gas/filling stations. Thank you very much for your time and assistance, it is greatly appreciated!